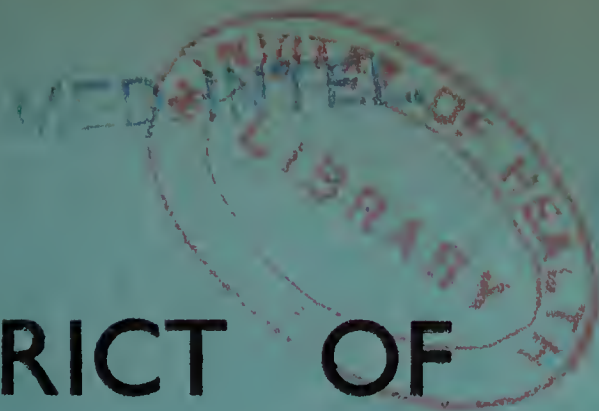
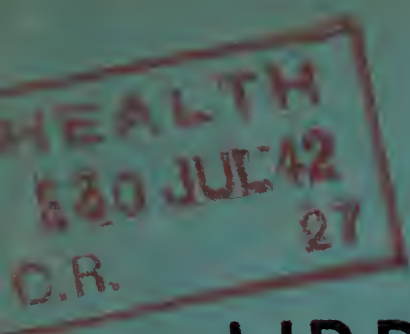




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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF WINDERMERE.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Windermere.

Sir and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District for the year 1941.

This Report is issued in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health which stresses economy in the matter of paper and states that these reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected Public Health.

I am much indebted for the help I have received from the County Medical Officers in carrying out immunisation against Diphtheria and tend to them my thanks.

Should you desire any further particulars, I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health.

1st June, 1942.

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the Year ending December 31st, 1941.

Registrar-General's estimate of resident population
mid 1941 8,187

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Total.	M.	F.
Live Births (Legitimate)	61	29	32
(Illegitimate)	2	—	2

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated
resident population, 7.7.

Birth Rate, England and Wales, 14.2.

Still Births	3	—	3
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births, 43.5.			

Deaths	92	43	49
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Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated
resident population, 11.2.

Death Rate, England and Wales, 12.9.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births.
Puerperal Sepsis	Nil	Nil
Other puerperal causes	1	14.5
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>14.5</u>

Maternal Mortality Rate, England and Wales, 2.23.

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:—

All infants per 1,000 live births	30
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	31
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil
Infantile Death Rate, England and Wales	59

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	12
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	Nil

The largest number of deaths from any one cause were:—

Heart Disease	27
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	17

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

A new village, consisting of bungalows and Hostels for industrial workers, with all the auxiliary services such as water and sewerage, is now in the course of construction. The estimated accommodation is for 1,200 people. Water for this Scheme is being taken from the Thirlmere Aqueduct, and the sewage along with that from the new Aircraft Factory is also being dealt with by the Windermere Urban District Council.

There is no change in or extension of Public Cleansing.

There is no serious overcrowding.

INFECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Four samples of milk have been taken on behalf of the Westmorland County Council and tested for cleanliness and the presence of tubercle bacilli. Tubercle bacilli were not found in any sample and the cleanliness was most satisfactory. Compared with the figures of recent years these show marked improvement.

Meat and other Foods.

Meat has been supplied from the Central Slaughterhouse in Kendal under Ministry arrangements.

Adulteration, etc., and Chemical and Bacteriological Examination of Food.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and this work is carried out by Mr. C. J. H. Stock, County Analyst, Darlington.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE.	Totals.	Ages.											Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.	
		-1	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-			65-
Scarlet Fever ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	1	—	—	3	—
Enteric Fever ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia ..	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Erysipelas ..	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Measles ..	103	1	2	3	—	2	38	44	7	4	1	1	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ..	24	2	—	5	—	3	10	1	2	—	1	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	139	3	2	8	—	5	51	46	9	5	4	5	1	5	—

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

There were few cases of Infectious Disease other than Measles and Whooping Cough, viz., three cases of Scarlet Fever and Erysipelas, one case each of Enteric Fever and Cerebro-spinal Fever and four of Pneumonia. There were also 103 cases of Measles and 24 of Whooping Cough. No death arose from any of these causes.

Artificial Immunisation against Diphtheria has been continued and A.P.T. is the prophylactic which has been used; 83 children under 5 years and 311 of school age have been immunised.

Modern Isolation Hospital accommodation is still lacking.

There is a Sick Bay at Waterbeck for minor infectious ailments and a hostel at Tarn Rigg, both for evacuee children.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—
25	2	3	2	—	—	1	—	—
35	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	4	4	3	—	—	3	1	—

Of the eleven cases notified, eight were pulmonary and three non-pulmonary. Of the pulmonary cases, four had contracted the disease elsewhere and came to reside in the area; of the non-pulmonary cases two had similarly contracted the disease. Two pulmonary cases terminated fatally.

